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Q14

Consider the following fauna: 1. Lion-tailed Macaque 2. Malabar Civet 3. Sambar Deer How many of the above are generally nocturnal or most active after sunset? (a) Only one (b) Only two (c) All three (d) None Official key: A.

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Explanation**(a) Official key**

Only one. **Malabar civet** is nocturnal. **Lion-tailed macaque** is diurnal; sambar is crepuscular-to-night-active but the paper keys one.

(b)

Only two. The Commission counts a single nocturnal animal in this trio.

(c)

All three. The macaque is a daytime rainforest primate.

(d)

None. The civet is nocturnal.

Summary

Official key is (a) only one. The **Malabar civet** is a nocturnal viverrid. Lion-tailed macaques are diurnal rainforest monkeys. Sambar may move at dusk and night, but the official count is one of the three as generally nocturnal.

Related possible facts

These can be asked in a future Prelims paper.

Lion-tailed macaque

Macaca silenus; Western Ghats; diurnal; Endangered.

Malabar civet

Viverra civettina; Western Ghats; Critically Endangered; nocturnal.